

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FRANCIS WANG, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MARTHA KONGSGAARD, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. [19-cv-00907-AGT](#)

ORDER RE: CONSENT

When Magistrate Judge Laporte stayed this case, the case was between plaintiff Francis Wang and defendant Martha Kongsgaard. *See* Dkt. 1, 29. Wang and Kongsgaard both consented to magistrate-judge jurisdiction. *See* Dkt. 11, 13.

After Judge Laporte retired and the case was reassigned, the undersigned allowed Wang to amend his complaint. *See* Dkt. 44. Through amendment, Wang added as parties plaintiff Laura Young and defendants Peter Goldman, Albert Czap, and Brian Peletta. *See* Dkt. 45. With the exception of Wang's motion for leave to amend, the undersigned kept the stay in place; and the parties agreed that the new defendants wouldn't be required to respond to the amended complaint until the stay was lifted. *See* Dkt. 44, 48, 51, 53.

A status conference earlier this year brought to the undersigned's attention the fact that after Wang amended his complaint, the new parties neither consented to, nor declined to consent to, magistrate-judge jurisdiction. Because of the stay, that fact hasn't impeded further proceedings. But at some point it may be appropriate to lift the stay, at least as to non-settling parties. *See* Dkt. 73 (informing the Court of a conditional settlement between the plaintiffs and defendants Kongsgaard and Goldman, but not between the plaintiffs and defendants Czap and Peletta). The undersigned, then, will take this moment to do a bit of housekeeping. The parties who have yet to consent to magistrate-judge jurisdiction (Young, Goldman, Czap, and Peletta) must each fill out and

1 file a copy of the consent/declination form attached to this order. If the consent of all parties isn't
2 obtained by April 4, 2022, the undersigned will request that the Clerk of the Court reassign the case
3 to a district judge. Defendant Czap has yet to enter an appearance, specially or otherwise, so the
4 plaintiffs are directed to serve a copy of this order on him, by any means reasonably calculated to
5 provide actual notice, and to file proof of service.

6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

7 Dated: March 22, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex G. Tse', is written over a horizontal line.

ALEX G. TSE
United States Magistrate Judge